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In re Application of	:	
Ajithkumar Sandur	:	
Application No. 10/720,010	:	
Filed: November 21, 2003	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No: 1230-102.US	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING	:	
GEARS AND/OR SHAFT COMPONENTS	:	
WITH SUPERIOR BENDING FATIGUE	:	
STRENGTH AND PITTING FATIGUE	:	
LIFE FROM CONVENTIONAL ALLOY	:	
STEELS	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed February 8, 2007, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed December 6, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for

<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

reply of three months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 7, 2006. A notice of abandonment was mailed on July 24, 2006.

With the present petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, a response to the Office action, and the proper statement of unintentional delay. No terminal disclaimer is required.

As such, the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the response to the Office action that was submitted concurrently with the present petition can be processed.

Telephone inquiries **regarding this decision** should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225<sup>2</sup>. All other inquiries concerning the status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication at 571-272-4200.



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<sup>2</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.